THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Forest Conservation Schemes in U.P.

2153. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minster of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have received any scheme from Government of Uttar Pradesh for forest conservation and improvement environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such Scheme form Government of Uttar Pradesh for forest conservation and improvement of the environment has been received. However, the Union Government have received a proposal from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh under the centrally sponsored scheme "Development of Infrastructure for Protection of Forests against Biotic Interference".

(b) A sum of Rs. 43.25 lakhs has been released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during the current year under this scheme as Central Assistance for purchase of Gun/Rifles, wireless set, fire-fighting equipments, digging of cattle-proff trenches, construction of fire-line and raising of live hedge on berms and along boundary lines.

[*English*]

Vacancy of Director in National Sanskrit Institute

2154. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no full time Director of the National Sanskrit Institute since 1970; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Since 1970 there has been one full time Director in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan from 1.11.1981 to 30.6.1983

(b) As a matter of policy, from 1970 to 1980 the Director/Deputy Secretary/Deputy Educational Adviser in charge of Sanskrit education in the Ministry in addition to his own duties. Since 1983 the process to select a new full time incumbent has not been initiated on account of the fact that the pay scale, age of superannuation, etc. of the post of Director have been under review and consideration of the Ministry . Since these issues have now been settled, the post been communicated to DAVP for advertisement.

[*Translation*]

Conversion of Sawai Madhopur-Jaisalmer Line

2155. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA. Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targ- fixed for completion of the work relation of the work relating to conversion of the Sawai Madhopur-Badmer-Jaisalmer line into the broad gauge,